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Baker-Polito Administration Announces \$3 Million MassWorks Infrastructure Award in Kingston

*Grant will fund expansion of the town's wastewater and water
distribution systems and revive more than 20 stalled
developments*



KINGSTON – Friday, November 15, 2019 – Today, Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy joined Kingston Town Administrator Thomas Calter and other local leaders to announce a \$3 million MassWorks Infrastructure Program grant to expand the Town of Kingston's wastewater treatment plant and complete upgrades to its municipal water distribution systems.

The MassWorks award will help expand Kingston's wastewater capacity in support of planned housing and future transit-oriented development at a number of sites across the community. At least 20 private developments, including more than 100 acres of housing, have been unable to proceed due to limited sewer and water capacity. Expansion of the treatment plant and upgrades to municipal water lines will reactivate these developments, while also accommodating a \$44-million expansion of the Kingston Collection, a regional shopping, dining, and entertainment destination off Route 3. This expansion will include 280 units of multi-family housing and a 150-room hotel.

"MassWorks is a valuable program that maximizes return on investment for capital funding, delivering vital infrastructure repairs that improve public safety while stimulating local and private development, job growth and housing production," **said Governor Charlie Baker**. "We will continue to collaborate closely with local leaders to identify opportunities and target public resources toward the growth and wellbeing of communities across the Commonwealth."

"As former municipal leaders, Governor Baker and I know firsthand the value of flexible grant programs like MassWorks, which help communities make targeted enhancements and provide opportunities for economic development," **said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito**. "Today's award will accelerate local housing and commercial growth to better prepare Kingston for the future."

Improvements to the wastewater treatment plant will include 2,600 square feet of new building space, additional batch reactor basins, and a packaged biofilter for treatment processing. This expansion will build on an ongoing \$3 million MassWorks project, awarded in 2018, to upgrade and extend sewer services in support of Kingston Collection and the town's 40R Smart Growth District. Upgrades to Kingston's water distribution system will also include installation of a new water main and conversion of the existing service area surrounding the Kingston Collection to a high-pressure zone.

"This administration recognizes the importance of reliable, modern infrastructure to the

safety and success of communities of all sizes,” **said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy**. “We are proud of the improvements to public safety, thousands of new jobs and housing units, and millions of square feet of new commercial space that the MassWorks program has delivered for residents, and we look forward to continuing to leverage every tool at our disposal to ensure all 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts continue to thrive.”

In addition, the MassWorks project will activate future redevelopment opportunities in the town’s 40R Smart Growth District. Opportunity sites include a 150-acre sand and gravel pit, with development potential as either a mixed-use, transit-oriented neighborhood or bio-tech park. The award also leverages a \$20-million State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan and approximately \$5 million in local funds.

“With the second Mass Works Grant awarded to the Town of Kingston, we are now uniquely positioned to achieve our economic growth objectives. Many thanks to the Cabinet Secretary Mike Kennealy for his faith in Kingston town government and his support of the Town’s master plan,” **said Kingston Town Administrator Thomas Calter**.

“Thanks to the overwhelming support of Kingston residents who voted in May to expand our wastewater plant, and the support of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ Office of Housing and Economic Development, Kingston is finally in a position to welcome new businesses that will have a long hoped-for impact on our tax base,” **said Josh Warren, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen**.

“The continued commitment by the Town of Kingston and the State of Massachusetts to provide important infrastructure to facilitate new investment in Kingston is much appreciated,” **said Stephen J. Congel, Chief Executive Officer of Pyramid Management Group, LLC**. “This exciting news is another positive step forward in the further diversification of Kingston Collection, which has been open in Kingston for over three decades.”

“This MassWorks grant represents a terrific opportunity to further Kingston’s economic development plans. We are thrilled to partner with the Town of Kingston and be part of Kingston’s economic growth,” **said Andy Huntoon, Managing Director at Trammell Crow Residential**.

“I want to thank the Baker-Polito Administration for their generous investment in the Kingston community. This second \$3 million MassWorks grant will not only expand

municipal water distribution to new parts of Kingston but will spur economic investment and play a major role in continuing South Kingston's development and revitalization," **said Senator Vinny deMacedo.**

"I am thrilled to see Kingston receive this MassWorks grant. This grant will ensure that Kingston has an adequate water system to support future economic development," **said Representative Kathleen LaNatra.**

Through the 2019 MassWorks round, the Baker-Polito Administration will award more than \$72 million in MassWorks awards to a diverse mix of 36 projects in 35 communities across the Commonwealth, including nine Gateway Cities and eight communities that will receive MassWorks funding for the first time. The awards will unlock a total of \$2.3 billion in private investment and 4,635 new full-time jobs, along with more than 3,100 new housing units, 1,167 of which are affordable, building on the Administration's efforts to tackle the ongoing housing shortage through complementary programs like [historic funding for affordable housing](#) and the proposed [Housing Choice legislation](#). The transformative projects funded by the 2019 awards were selected from 92 applications, totaling \$223 million in requests.

Since 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded more than \$383 million in MassWorks grants to support 183 shovel-ready projects in 128 communities. MassWorks funding has made possible the addition and preservation of more than 2 million square feet of commercial/retail space, 29,000 jobs, and 11,000 housing units, while leveraging about \$6.9 billion in private investment.

Governor Baker signed economic development legislation in August 2018 that included substantial new funding for municipalities, including another \$250 million for MassWorks awards. The legislation built on the Baker-Polito Administration's work to partner with communities to catalyze economic development and create new opportunities for residents across the Commonwealth, including the [2016 Job Creation and Workforce Development Act](#), which authorized \$1 billion to support economic development efforts across the state, including a \$500 million authorization for the MassWorks Infrastructure Program, enhanced tools and the introduction of new strategies for job-readiness efforts.

Learn more about MassWorks [here](#).

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